

normal rule is that the original has to be given to the court, but we make an exception here because we think that business records have a reliability and are therefore subject to being copied and assume that that is a reasonable and accurate copy and therefore admissible into court as evidence. We list a variety of ways in which businesses may keep records in our current law, in the Business and Public Records as Evidence Act. There is a new technology called the optical disk, in which the business record is put onto an optical disk which, if you wish to then replay the disk, will show the material in written form on a computer screen, and then you get a copy off the computer screen. There is no physical record itself. The physical record is entered as data onto the optical disk, the optical disk then shows back up when you print off a copy from a computer. There's no piece of paper left, in fact, what you've done is you've entered it into an optical disk rather than creating some underlying paper trail. Therefore, to use this statute, you want to make sure that the information on the optical disk and the copy that is made off of it, when it comes off the computer, is a business record for the purpose of the Business Record Act. The businesses who keep their records in this new technologically sound system are able to take the reproductions of the memory of the optical disk and have that treated with the same respect as if they had a photographic, photostatic, microfiche, or any of the other systems of keeping business records that are existing out there. Optical disk is already being used, it's in the marketplace, and that we have people who were using it come in and say they want to make sure that this was available, and I would ask for the advancement of LB 980.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Landis. There being no discussion on the motion to advance, Senator Landis waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 980 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 980.

SENATOR HALL: LB 980 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, LB 1015.

CLERK: LB 1015, offered by Senator Witek. (Read title.) Introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to the Banking Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to